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FOR UNDER SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS PHILIP HABIB

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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR UNDER SECRETARY HABIB

REF: STAE 075294

1. FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED ARRIVAL STATEMENT FOR YOUR
USE IN TUNIS:

BEGIN TEXT: I WANT TO EXPRESS MY GREAT PLEASURE AT HAVING
BEEN ABLE TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION OF THE TUNISIAN GOVERN-
MENT TO VISIT THIS COUNTRY WHICH PLAYS SUCH AN IMPORTANT
ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. THE NEW ADMINISTRATION
IN WASHINGTON HAS BEGUN AN INTENSIVE SERIES OF CONSULTATIONS
TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON PRESSING QUESTIONS IN INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS. I WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN IN GREATER
DEPTH THE VIEWS OF PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA, PRIME MINISTER
NOUIRA, FOREIGN MINISTER CHATTY AND THEIR COLLABORATORS
ON BILATERAL, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.
TUNISIA HAS BEEN A VALUED FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR MANY YEARS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE STRENGTHENING
OF THE CLOSE TIES THAT EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.
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TUNISIA HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS, USING ITS INFLUENCE TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING,
COOPERATION AND PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO CONFLICTS. WE
HAVE A HIGH REGARD FOR THE TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT'S CONSTRUCTIVE
EFFORTS AND FAR-SEEING COMPREHENSION OF INTERNATIONAL
PROBLEMS. WE ARE PARTICULARLY DESIROUS OF EXCHANGING VIEWS
WITH THE TUNISIAN LEADERS ON THE MIDDLE EAST DISPUTE AND

THE SITUATION NOW CONFRONTING AFRICA.

I EXPECT AS WELL TO REVIEW WITH TUNISIAN LEADERS THE
BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES,
INCLUDING OUR ECONOMIC AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.
IT WILL BE A PLEASURE AND HONOR FOR ME TO MEET WITH THE
LEADERS OF PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA'S GOVERNMENT DURING MY
VISIT AND CONVEY TO THEM THE HOPE OF THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT THAT OUR CLOSE, FRIENDLY RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE
TO BENEFIT EACH OF OUR COUNTRIES AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO
WORK TOGETHER FOR PEACE, JUSTICE AND RESPECT FOR THE
RIGHTS OF MAN THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. END TEXT.

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU NOT ANSWER QUESTIONS
ON ARRIVAL IN TUNIS BUT RATHER MAKE YOURSELF AVAILABLE
TO THE PRESS FOR QUESTIONS ON DEPARTURE. IF YOU WISH TO ANSWER
QUESTIONS ON ARRIVAL, YOU MIGHT EXPECT THE FOLLOWING
SUBJECTS TO BE RAISED: USG ROLE IN TUNISIA'S CONTINENTAL
SHELF DISPUTE WITH LIBYA, CURRENT U.S. POLICY TOWARD
MIDDLE EAST DISPUTE AND MEANING OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR A
HOMELAND FOR PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, PROSPECTS FOR INCREASED
U.S. ECONOMIC AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR
GOT AND USG ATTITUDE TOWARD HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE IN
TUNISIA.
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